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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Roy A. BLACK et al.  
Title: CRYSTALLINE TNF- $\alpha$ -CONVERTING ENZYME AND USES  
THEREOF  
Appl. Filing Date: February 24, 2004  
Prior Appl. No.: 09/244,984  
Prior Appl. Filing Date: February 4, 1999  
Examiner: Unassigned  
Art Unit: Unassigned

**CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a:

☒ Continuation ☐ Division ☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

application of the above-identified prior nonprovisional application of:

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in which no payment of issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. This application also claims the priority benefit of U.S. provisional patent application No. 60/073,709, filed February 4, 1998, U.S. provisional patent application No. 60/135,499, filed March 30, 1998, and U.S. provisional patent application No. 60/117,476, filed January 27, 1999. The entire disclosures of the above-identified prior applications are considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and are hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

- [ X ] Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (81 pages).
- [ X ] Informal drawings (7 sheets, Figures 1-6).
- [ X ] Copy of executed Declaration and Power of Attorney from parent Application Serial No. 09/244,984 (9 pages).
- [ X ] Copy of Recorded Assignment of the invention to IMMUNEX CORPORATION, MAX-PLANCK-INSTITUTE FOR BIOCHEMISTRY, and WYETH from parent Application Serial No. 09/244,984 (7 pages).
- [ X ] Certificate of Change of Name, including copy of certification from the secretary of the State of Delaware (2 pages).
- [ X ] Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76) (6 pages).
- [ X ] Associate Power of Attorney for R. Brian McCaslin (1 page).
- [ X ] Self-Addressed Return Post Card (1).

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Filed	Included in Basic Fee	Extra Claims	Rate	Fee Totals
Basic Fee				\$770.00	\$770.00
Total	27	- 20	= 7	x \$18.00	= \$126.00
Claims:					
Independ	4	- 3	= 1	x \$86.00	= \$86.00
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If any Multiple Dependent Claim(s) present:				+ \$290.00	= \$0.00
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- [ X ] Check No. 34292 in the amount of \$982.00 to cover the filing and excess claims fee is enclosed.
- [ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF CHANGE OF NAME**


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Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 314, Applicants report that one of the assignees, American Home Products Corporation, of the above-referenced application, has changed its name to "Wyeth". The enclosed certification from the Secretary of the State of Delaware evidences the name change.

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